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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Regarding Proposed Revisions State Water Resources Control Board's Annual Fee Schedule

May 4, 2004 – 10:00 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr./Cal/EPA Building
Sierra Hearing Room – Second Floor
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is proposing to adopt revisions to the current schedule of annual fees for persons issued waste discharge requirements pursuant to Water Code Section 13260(d)(1). The SWRCB's current annual fee schedule (contained in California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Sections 2200-2201) was adopted by the SWRCB on September 30, 2003. The fee revenues support the cost of regulating permitted discharges.

The proposed revisions would potentially affect only a limited number of fee payers who fall into the following categories:

- enrollees under the general storm water permit for industrial activities;
- persons issued waste discharge requirements for discharges to land;
- persons issued permits for facilities designed to operate exclusively during wet weather conditions; and
- persons operating under a permit adopted exclusively for purposes of regulating mosquito and vector control activities.

A summary of the proposed revisions follows. The complete text of the proposed regulation changes can be found on the SWRCB's web site at www.swrcb.ca.gov. Copies of the proposed changes can also be obtained by calling 916-341-5128 or e-mailing feechange@das.swrcb.ca.gov.

SIGNIFICANT PROPOSED CHANGES:

1. Fee reduction for small municipal and domestic waste treatment facilities

The proposed revisions will reduce fees by 50% for municipal and domestic discharges of less than 50,000 gallons per day for facilities in Threat/Complexity categories IIIB and IIIC.

The proposed revisions will reduce fees by 25% for municipal and domestic discharges of less than 50,000 gallons per day for facilities in Threat/Complexity categories IIB and IIC.

The proposed revisions will increase base fees for Threat categories I and II to offset the above reductions.

2. Discount for participation in quality control program

A 50% fee reduction will be provided for enrollees under the storm water industrial general permit who participate in a certified quality assurance program as specified in the storm water general industrial National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and approved by the appropriate Regional Board.

3. Revisions to fee formula for wet weather facilities

The formula for calculating fees for facilities designed specifically to handle flows only during wet-weather conditions will be changed from daily average flow to monthly average flow. Other wording changes are proposed to better define wet weather facilities.

4. Reduced fees for mosquito and vector control

A flat fee of \$100 will be established for facilities regulated by an individual or general permit adopted exclusively to regulate NPDES discharges of pesticides for the maintenance and control of mosquito larva for the protection of public health.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP:

The SWRCB will hold a public workshop on May 4, 2004 to receive comments on the proposed revisions to the fee schedules. The SWRCB will take the recommendations and comments under advisement before adopting emergency regulations to revise the fee schedule at a future meeting.

Written comments may be submitted to:

Fee Revisions
Division of Administrative Services
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Comments may also be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5048 or by e-mail to feechange@das.swrcb.ca.gov. Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m., April 26, 2004.

The full agenda for the May 4 public workshop will be posted on the SWRCB website www.swrcb.ca.gov at least 10 days prior to the workshop. The information about the workshop can also be obtained by calling 916-341-5128 or e-mailing feechange@das.swrcb.ca.gov on or after April 21, 2004. Directions to the Joe Serna Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building are available at www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm.

All visitors to the Joe Serna Jr. Cal/EPA Building are required to sign in and receive a badge prior to attending any meeting. The visitor and Environmental Services Center is located just inside and to the left of the Cal/EPA Building's public entrance. Valid picture identification may be required due to the security level so please allow up to 15 minutes for this process. The facility is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Adrian Perez at (916) 341-5880 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date. TTY users may contact the California Relay service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.


Debbie Irvin
Clerk to the Board

April 2, 2004